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On 07-16-2011 at 06:02 am, the Lake County Sheriff's Office was dispatched along with the Painesville Township Fire Department to a reported motor vehicle accident at the S-curves on Rt. 535 (Fairport Nursery Rd.) just west of Hardy Rd., Painesville Township. The accident was reported by a passing motorist who did not witness the crash.

Emergency responders arrived to find a heavily damaged, Honda coupe, bearing an Ohio registration. The Honda was at final rest in the weeds off the north side of the roadway near a set of Norfolk Southern RR tracks that run parallel to the roadway. The sole operator had been ejected from the vehicle and was found lying deceased nearby. There is indication that the accident may have occurred a couple hours prior to the time of report. This portion of Fairport Nursery Rd. was closed down for approximately three hours as Deputies conducted preliminary investigation.

Scene evidence indicates the driver was W/B on Fairport Nursery Rd. before failing to negotiate the S-curves at the location. The Honda was driven off the north side of the roadway where the R. front corner of the Honda struck and severed a utility pole. As result of impact, the Honda then rotated counter clockwise and overturned before uprighting to its final rest position. The operator's name is being withheld at this time pending notification to family. The Lake County Coroner's Office was called to the scene and also continues to investigate.

Investigation continues into the determination on whether speed and/or impairment of alcoholic beverage or any drugs were at all causative factors. The speed limit for this portion of Fairport Nursery Rd. is Prima-Facia at 55 mph.

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